

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Edward Bertorelli, Treasurer Massachusetts Republican State Congressional Committee 21 Milk Street, 4th Floor Boston, MA 02109

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Mid-Year Report (1/1/01-6/30/01)

Dear Mr. Bertorelli:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-The outstanding balances at the close of the period for several debts disclosed on Schedule D appear to be incorrect. Please amend your report to provide the correct balances.

-On Schedule D of your previous report, you disclosed a debt(s) owed to Heller Financial Leasing, Inc. This obligation(s), however, has been omitted from this report. Please amend your report to include this debt(s) on Schedule D and Line 10 of the Summary Page. All debts and obligations must be disclosed until extinguished. 11 CFR §104.11

-Please be advised that the ballot composition ratio for allocation of administrative and generic voter drive expenses should be the same for state party committees in the same state. Schedule H1 of your report discloses the federal portion of administrative and generic voter drive expenses to be 33.33%. The federal portion is calculated by checking all the offices that will appear on the next general election ballot and dividing the points for federal offices by the total points for all offices. Please verify that your Schedule H1 adequately reflects what will appear on the next general election ballot. If necessary, please amend your report to include a corrected H1.

-On Schedule H3 supporting Line 18 of the Detailed Summary Page, the breakdown for administrative/voter drive does not equal the total amount transferred in. Please amend your report to indicate the correct breakdown of the transfer-in. 11 CFR § 104.10

-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for Administrative/Voter Drive and Key Club Event 01 are incorrect. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for administrative and voter drive costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for the whole Administrative/Voter Drive category. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for fundraising, direct candidate support, and exempt activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total for that category or event. This running EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

-For your information, all contributions received that aggregate \$200 or less per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(ii). Contributions received aggregating over \$200 per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(i) and itemized on Schedule A.

-For future reporting, please be advised that only the amounts applied toward the principal amount of a loan should be included in the Cumulative Payment-to-Date box on Schedule C. Those payments should also be reported on Schedule B supporting Line 26 of the Detailed Summary Page. Interest payments should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 21(b), as operating expenditures, in accordance with 11 CFR §104.3.

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

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